

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors and Cannabis Program Leadership Team,

I would like to add my voice to the many voices in our community to urge you to:

Confirm clearly and publicly that any MCP applicant who has submitted to the Portal by October 30 will be able to see their submission through to completion as long as it is completed prior to December 31, 2021.

This approach allows you to set a clear deadline for Phase 1 submittals, while also giving each operator (and you hardworking staff) the opportunity to complete their submittal within a reasonable timeframe.

Many new requirements are being placed on applicants as part of the portal program, which were not required of our initial 10A.17 applications.

In our case, we are having our portal submittals kicked back to us for discrepancies such as our site plan missing a temporary restroom which moves with the cultivation team. This type of requirement is going to result in hard working cultivators being kicked out of the program for small details that are immaterial. It is impossible to place the restroom on the cultivation plan accurately as it moves from site to site (just like you would see in a vineyard).

Given the failure of Ordinance 20.18, the County's success of converting 10A.17 applicants to annual permits is the only path for the County to develop meaningful sustainable Cannabis tax revenue. It seems economically imprudent for the County to kick applicants out of the program when you have the opportunity to keep them in so that they can contribute to our tax base.

Thank you for your support of local Cannabis agricultural businesses and our contributions to our community.

Sincerely,

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